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TECHNICAL AGREEMENTS WITH ROMANIA

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SUMMARY: IN SHARP CONTRAST TO PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS'  
VISIT TO THE USSR (REF A), HE DESCRIBED HIS VISIT TO  
ROMANIA AS A COMPLETE SUCCESS. IT CULMINATED WITH  
SIGNING OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ON SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY AND ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL  
COOPERATION. WILLIAMS AND PRIME MINISTER MANESCU ALSO  
SIGNED A DETAILED PROTOCOL OUTLINING ROMANIAN TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED IN PETROLEUM AND PETRO-  
CHEMICAL SECTORS, AND CALLING FOR AN INCREASE IN BI-  
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LATERAL TRADE. PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU ASKED WILLIAMS FOR

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NIDAD SUPPORT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROMANIA AS MEMBER  
TO NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENTHNM END SUMMARY. END CONFIDENTIAL.

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1. FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS' JULY 7-12 VISIT TO ROMANIA, HE MADE A DETAILED REPORT TO PARLIAMENT JULY 25 AND ALSO MADE PUBLIC THE TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE, PROTOCOL, AND TWO BILATERAL AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN BUCHAREST. (TEXTS ARE BEING SENT TO DEPT. BY AIRGRAM.) PROTOCOL STATES THAT ROMANIA WILL PROVIDE TRINIDAD WITH SEISMIC AND GEOLOGICAL STUDIES, DESIGNS ON SECONDARY RECOVERY PROGRAMS, AND DRILLING AND PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT TO TRY TO STEM DECLINE IN TRINIDAD'S ON-SHORE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS. TRINIDAD, IN TURN, WILL PROVIDE EXPOSURE TO ITS SUCCESSFUL OFFSHORE PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE FOR APPROPRIATE ROMANIAN PERSONNEL. ROMANIA ALSO OFFERED TO COLLABORATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF A PETROCHEMICAL COMPLEX FOR TRINIDAD, INCLUDING POSSIBLE JOINT-VENTURE PARTICIPATION WITH THE GOTT.

2. OUTSIDE THE PETROCHEMICAL FIELD, ROMANIA AGREED TO SEND EXPERT TEAMS TO ASSIST TRINIDAD IN ASSESSMENT OF A NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING A CEMENT PLANT, A CONCRETE PIPE PLANT, A TRACTOR ASSEMBLY FACTORY, A METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY, ETC. BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO INCREASE MUTUAL TRADE THROUGH FAIRS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER MARKETING ACTIVITIES.

3. TWO FORMAL AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED IN BUCHAREST, ONE DEALING WITH COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE OTHER ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. (THE OVERLAPPING NATURE OF THE AGREEMENTS SUGGESTS THAT ONE WAS DRAFTED BY EACH GOVERNMENT, AND RATHER THAN RECONCILE THE TWO, THEY SIMPLY SIGNED BOTH. WE PRESUME THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WAS DRAFTED BY TRINIDAD, SINCE THE TRINIDAD DELEGATION ALSO ATTEMPTED TO CONCLUDE A SIMILAR AGREEMENT WITH THE USSR -- SEE REF A). THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT IS MAINLY AIMED AT

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THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (PRESUMABLY TO TRINIDAD) IN FIELDS SUCH AS PETROLEUM, PETROCHEMICALS, METALLURGY, CONSTRUCTION AND AGRICULTURE. THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEMS LARGELY DESIGNED TO FACILITARE THE SALE OF ROMANIAN GOODS, SINCE IT PROVIDES FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT OF ALL MATERIALS IMPORTED FOR "MUTUAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES", AS WELL AS MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT " IN RESPECT OF ALL ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS

AGREEMENT."

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4. COMMENT: PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS TOLD CHARGE' JULY 29 THAT HE HAD FOUND PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU VERY APPEALING AND DYNAMIC PERSONALITY. WILLIAMS IMPLIED THAT VISIT TO ROMANIA WAS A VERY POSITIVE EXPERIENCE IN RELATION TO IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING VISIT TO SOVIET UNION. PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT CEAUSESCU HAD ASKED FOR GOTT SUPPORT FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROMANIA AS A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. CEAUSESCU HAD COMMENTED THAT "NON-ALIGNED" CREDENTIALS WERE IMPORTANT FOR ROMANIA AS A MEASURE OF PROTECTION AGAINST INTERFERENCE IN ITS AFFAIRS BY ITS BIG NEIGHBOR TO THE NORTH. WILLIAMS LAUGHINGLY TOLD CHARGE' THAT HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH SUCH REASONING BY SMALL STATES IN THE CARIBBEAN BUT HAD BEEN SURPRISED TO HEAR CEAUSESCU USE THE SAME ARGUMENT. RICH

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